

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

CLARA M. OTERO PEREZ ET AL

NL 010127

Serial No.

Group Art Unit

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

Ex.

Title: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR WITHDRAWING BUDGET FROM A
BLOCKING TASK

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

7. (amended) A computer program product arranged to perform the method according to claim 1.

9. (amended) A television set (510) comprising a system according to claim 5.

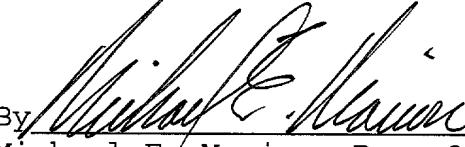
10. (amended) A set-top box (602) comprising a system according to claim 5.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Michael E. Marion, Reg. 32,266
Attorney
914) 333-9641

APPENDIX

7. (amended) A computer program product arranged to perform the method according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 4~~claim 1.

9. (amended) A television set (510) comprising a system according to claim 5~~or~~6.

10. (amended) A set-top box (602) comprising a system according to claim 5~~or~~6.